(ब) क्या दूरदर्शन ने भी उक्त कार्यक्रम के कवरेज और प्रसारण हेतु "जी." टी.वी. को किसी राशि का भुगतान किया है और यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) ऐसी सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का निर्णय कब और किस स्तर पर लिया गया ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव) : (क) भरेसू तथा विदेशी उपभोक्ताओं को ऐसी सुविधाएँ प्रदान करने की दूरदर्शन की पद्धति के अनुसार भुगतान आधार पर दूरदर्शन द्वारा तकनीकी सुविधायें उपलब्ध करवाई गई थीं ।

(ख) जी नहीं । भारत से अपलिंक सुविधायें विदेश संचार निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा विनियमित की जाती हैं ।

(ग) दूरदर्शन ने मैसर्स "जी." टी.वी. को 5.17 लाख रुपए की राशि का बिल प्रस्तुत किया है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) इस संबंध में 13 जुलाई, 1994 को दूरदर्शन द्वारा निर्णय लिया गया था ।

AIR employees absorbed in DD

*237. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio employees absorbed in the Doordarshan cadre;

(b) whether any willingness was taken from the employees;

(c) whether there is any difference in the promotion policies of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As far as Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service is concerned, 86 officers of various grades working in AIR have since been transferred to Doordarhan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Effect of GATT Agreement on Electricity Charges

*238. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether GATT Agreement is likely to decrease or increase electricity charges;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the modification of the Agreement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir. GATT Agreement will not have any impact on electricity charges.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Investment by British Companies in Power Projects

*239. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Companies are holding back investment in power projects in India pending sovereign guarantees from the Indian Government; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The investors including the British companies have